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TAMMANY AND TREASON.

the impeachment through the assembly, were guilty the Government. the government of the State.

and has been borne with such persistent patience, that it is at least very doubtful if that sort of an argument will be convincing to the civil authorities.

New York's need is to be rid of Tammany, and of Sulzer if he is guilty of the things charged against him. The State assuredly must be well-nigh ripe, by this time, for an effective revolt. Even New York, vestigating affairs of this city, would look carefully League season's record of eleven with the Becker scandal and now this Sulzer-Tammany war, is taking seriously the problem of getting of years past. some measure of civic virtue into civic affairs.

WILSON VERSUS WILSON.

office with bad faith and violation of the diplomatic chaser of these evidences of delinquency. committed such an impropriety.

he was courting except himself.

The whole conduct of Ambassador Wilson from ence. revolt and the incidents surrounding the assassination tice shall be discontinued. circumstances. If the facts have been such as to taxes are delinquent! warrant the stories circulated, there should be more grastic action than a public reprimand.

NO RECESS OF CONGRESS.

If Senator Cummins had hope, when he delivered his speech on executive domination of Congress, that he would in some measure shame his Democratic associates into some measure of indeby a decided majority, wants to take a recess. It been notified. was expected that the caucus held vesterday would so indicate. That is, it was expected by people who imagined the Senate would oppose its wishes to those of the President.

To pass the tariff bill as soon as possible and then take a recess till autumn, coming back to take up the currency measure before the time for the regular session, was the program. It would unquestionably have been adopted but for the very active interference of the President, who made it plain to Democratic Senators that he could not assent to it. har advantages in carrying on this sort of business, The result is apparently, a certainty that Congress while the laws permit discrimination in his favor that Secretary of State May would rewill stay right on the job until the tariff bill and then the currency measure are passed or it is male clear that the latter cannot pass

The big political question right now, the question that is discussed wherever politicians meet, is how long the President can maintain his remarkable ascendency over Congress. That ascendency is the big. striking fact about the present situation on Capitol of American cities are experimenting with methods take of nebris at the haut-off waron Hill. Nothing like it has been known. Mr. Roose- of encouraging the formation of habits of thrift by liatting average. 216. velt was denounced by the same Democrats who to- children, the example of ancient Nuremberg is inday accept with nothing worse than wry faces a teresting. Presidential domination vastly more rigorous than vent to their feelings in a revolt. Roosevelt had to will be recorded. of three coeval and co-ordinate divisions of this the efforts now being made.

The Washington Times Government is fast becoming a grim jest. Congress, its mouth watering for a few insignificant slices of its mouth watering for a few insignificant slices of petty patronage, is bought, under this patronage system, into complete subjection to the hand that can give, but dares withhold.

The country without doubt applauds the Executive who can force his will on Congress. Congress! THE drought in the West means a has lost its grip on the confidence of the country cattle, increase in the price of beef. largely because the country doesn't elect Congress Nothing could be simpler. Prolonged Entered at the Posteffice at Washington, D. C., as second class It does not represent the country; it tries to repremain mail matter. sent the local interests, chiefly political, of the locali- flooded tracks, difficulty of transportaties from which the various members hail. The tion, increase in the price of beef. And country does elect the President, and has been forced there you are. more and more to look to him as the one authority Here we are, too, but tomorrow's that can enforce a really national view. So it comes something else again. The day before It seems a rather tenuous argument that the about that the strong Executive gets applause, with- vacation, contrary to most claims, is Sulzer people put forward in New York, that the out ever a thought of the degradation that comes, by the shortest and pleasantest day of political bosses of the State Democracy, in jobbing that same token, to the great legislative branch of

of treason, in that they were interfering with the Congress at bottom is inefficient, because of its G. S. K.: I'll bet you wouldn't have work of a grand jury in order that they might seize unwieldy, membership, the dubious average of experience and equipment that must mark so numeras this was written with one of them, Without doubt the assembly sat as a grand jury, ous a body, and the rules and traditions which covin effect at least. Without doubt, too, there was a ern the houses. A House of half the present mempowerful political combination determined to destroy Sulzer in order to seize the administration. But the purposes of accomplishment rather than prevention, tells "Marsh" in "The Price of Place! treason of Tammany has been a familiar fact so long, would have a chance to restore the legislative branch "who is indifferent to publicity." True, to the confidence and usefulness that ought to be mayhap, of the time that Mr. Blythe

THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RIGHTS.

It would be interesting if the District Commissioners, or the House District Committee now in- Walter Johnson of the American into the conduct of tax sales of property for a series straight victories without a defeat-

There has been quite too much of the disposition is very simple, requiring but little preapparently to regard the tax sale as an opportunity vious preparationto "soak" delinquents for the profit of a favored buyer of tax certificates. Whether or not any im-President Wilson's public reprimand for Ambas- propriety has been committed by any official author- save two particulars-that regarding sador Henry Lane Wilson was as good as assured ity, it is a fact that the mechanism of the tax sale the simplicity and that touching on the from the time the latter made public the remarkable business has been organized to the disadvantage of non-need of preparation. We once pinchstatement in which he charged the British foreign the property owner and the profit of the chief pur- hit for an operator at a board carrying

proprieties. The President directed Secretary Bryan It seems but the most ordinary and reasonable hour. Switchboarders, whatever their to convey to the British foreign office the American presumption that when a piece of property is sold salaries, are among the Great Under-Government's disavowal, with an expression of re- for taxes, the owner should be notified of the fact. paid. gret that an American diplomatic officer should have Being notified, in the vast majority of cases, he would soon redeem and save himself the expense of penal-Ambassador Wilson has been, since his recall to ties running for an indefinite time. Yet it has de- imagine, will derive great benefit from this country, a very busy person; not with the duties veloped that there is no machinery and no rule for your vacation. of his position, but with criticism of the Administra- giving this notice. Instead, an aged clerk in the tion's efforts to preserve peace and restore constitu- Assessor's office who took upon himself the task of Discounting humanity has never been tional government in Mexico. It was quite impos- sending out such notices, in order that owners might our forte, but we never can feel the sible that he could go ahead recklessly in such a protect themselves, had to do the work outside of same toward a man after we have course without meeting the rebuke that has been office hours and in the face of persistent objection the end twice over before slipping it administered. Everybody, apparently, realized what by his superiors and by the interests dealing in tax through the knot. titles, which seemed to have a good deal of influ-

beginning to end has been a disgrace to American Not only this. The chief dealer in tax certificates G. S. K.: If you must know, Hossie diplomacy. In view of his latest bad break, he ought has for a long time been Charles H. Wiltsie, of Bros. conduct a livery stable here. not to be permitted to sever finally his connections Rochester, N. Y. Wiltsie was given the privilege of with the service without an official clearing up of the going to the indexes and copying off the list of propfacts about his service at the City of Mexico. The erty subject to tax sale. The new District Com- conforming to tradition, we shall postcircumstantial stories that have been published all mission has looked into this practice, decided that pone consideration of our currency over the world about his relations to the Huerta-Diaz Wiltsie had a monopoly, and ordered that the prac- problem until after vacation. As will

of the Maderos and Suarez, should, for the good name | Assuredly it is a strange state of affairs that a of this nation in its relations with the world, be in- scalper in tax titles has access to the books of the cuired into and the facts established. The President who assessment, to make lists and inform himself as to has been patient and considerate to a degree which his the desirability or undesirability of every specific ambassador has seemed incapable of appreciating, piece of property as a tax-title investment, while the knows more than anybody else, officially, about these property owner is not even given a notice that his

This is not all. Cases have been brought to the attention of The Times, in which a property owner. having omitted in one year to pay his taxes. through oversight or otherwise, and, going back the following year to pay, was given his current tax bill and permitted to pay it, without being notified that the books showed him one year in arrears. In other words, the outstanding tax sale certificate would have the "columning" number of "How continue running against him in the face of the fact to Choose Your Occupation" appear pendence of White House rule, he doubtless realizes that he had appeared at the office ready to pay his during the next two weeks, now how futile was that sentiment. The Senate, taxes, and presumably would have paid if he had

The charges to this effect are made on the best authority and with a good deal of specification.

The tax collecting authority certainly ought to owe THIS OR THAT to them. its first duty and loyalty to the property owners whose contributions make up the revenues of the city. The taxpayer is not to be regarded as merely tanning "Daily Leader"-Armstrong a good thing, to be picked and plucked for the bene- county, Pa. "Here's the balance of the fit of an amiable speculator in penalties.

There has been much wonderment as to the reason why an operator in Rochester should have pecuand against both the property owner and the pos- feee to recognize Mr. Sulzer as govsible rival buyer of tax titles. The situation needs ernor unless Attorney General Carmody attention, and a good deal of it,

HELPING CHILDREN TO SAVE.

While the public school authorities of a number the District building almed 110 shovel-

The American consul there reports that the City any that Mr. Roosevelt ever dreamed, much less at- Savings Bank of Nuremberg, a municipal institution, roam copy is exhausted you might let tained. There is increasing evidence of friction with- has placed slot machines in some of the school build- the world know that G. W. Bready opin the party, due to restiveness under the whip. It ings. One may deposit a ten-pfennig piece about water a flour mill at Burnt Mills. Va. is pointed out that Speaker Clark and most of the two and a half cents and the machine delivers a House leaders are hostile, at bottom, to the Admin- gummed stamp. The stamps are placed on a card Congressional puzzle for the man in istration, and that nothing less than Presidential au- and when they represent two marks-about 50 cents the gallery: How to distinguish betocracy can ultimately keep them from giving some - they may be presented at the bank and due credit tween the Republicans' ninbustering

fight a bitterly inimical Speaker and organization in Some of the advocates of savings systems for proceeded the schism that hopelessly rent the Republican party. Can President Wilson continue his grip of the situation for few years? If he also not continue his grip possible in a few generations to overcome the charof the situation for four years? If he does he will acteristic national fault of wastefulness. While this make a record of Executive control guite untre- it too remote a contingency to have any bearing on cedented, and he will relegate the Congress of the the question at present, it is clear that results which or if you don't care for that we have United States to a position so unimportant as to are not only immediately possible but well-nigh cer- a second designation for it: deprive it of about all its dignity. The presumption tain are enough to justify an earnest continuation of

Bus, of Retracting.

speaks. But there is a man in the present Congress who owes us \$16.54.

Personal Frenzy.

Dixie Joe Boehling, joint holder with

The work of operating a switchboard

But Why Must We Know?

Offers a Correction.

The the Editor of THE TIMES

My attention has been called to your

article concerning my so-cailed im

peachment by the legislature of 1871.

The whole matter was an attempt to

tenant Governor Johnson in the chair long enough to call a constitutional con-vention. The movement was kept a profound secret until it was sprung in

the lower house the morning of February 16. Neither I, nor any of my friends, had any intimation whatever that such

action was imminent. The proceeding

ebate. The resolution was pressed on whip and spur; adopted the sar

day it was introduced, and a board of managers appointed to appear before the bar of the senate and notify that

the board of managers appeared befor the senate, that body had adjourne

and did not again convene until Febru

convention was called, and other thing done in the interest of the Democrati

party. These rules required promptitu of action, and were made a pretext the first board for getting out of

embarrassing situation which required them, as the saying is. To fish or cut balt. They chose to resign, and this action was followed by the appointment

f a new hourd of managers, all Demo-ratic, who, being unable to get testi

ion of this house heretofore taken, be

pard of managers be discharged

Heutenant governor, pending the pro-ceedings, to turn over the affice to him, which I refused to entertain, and after

Affirmative vote, 49; negative vote, 18.

Same Old Feet.

eNo, don't like them. They are too

season's feet. -London Answers.

the impeachment as it

object of this communica-

POWELL CLAYTON-

set aside and canceled; that the seate be informed of the action of thouse in the premises, by the clerk

a court of impeachment wer

adoption of these rules was no

hady of the artion of the house

suspend me from office and place Lieu

Sign just over the Anacostia bridge; JEROME DIGGS FISH, OYSTERS AND CLAMS WILLIAM FEDDON RANGES, STOVES AND

It will be our ill luck, doubtless, to

Thanks for the Advertisement.

(From the "Saturday Execute Post") "They strut and sputter and declaim roundly how 'My friend Marsh' said ed; their purpose was to get Lieutenant

has just handed us a copy of the Kit-

The Contrariness of Secretary May, (Prime the Post

should render an opinion to the con-

worker on the car tracks in front of

tactics and the Democrats' efforts to ex-

New York, a State of Affairs

The Vampire State.

suited. Producing the eightieth, the shop stant sam Blindy, ir, here's a pair which I think suit you to perfection.

The Stories of Famous Novels By Albert Payson Terhune

60-SINTRAM. By De La Motte Fouque.

D IORN of the Fiery Eyes was holding noisy Christmas carouse at his grim Drontheim castle. Around the board in his vaulted banquet hall sat his vassal knights, their drunken shouts and laughter vying with the roar of the wintry storm outside.

Suddenly the door leading from the sleeping rooms burst open and a wildfaced boy, disheveled and frightfully pale, dashed into the hall. He was Sintram, old Biorn's only son. Seizing his father in panic terror. Sintram screamed: "Death and Another are pursuing me!"

While Rolf, an old squire, soothed the affrighted lad, the knights silently brank away from the board. All of them knew the history that lay behind Sintram's crazed words. Here, in brief, is the story;

The Ghostly Visitor.

Some years earlier, at a Christmas revel. Biorn had taken a rash oath to kill the next foreigner who might chance to half at his castle. Scarce had the yow been made when two German merchants knocked for admittance at the gate. Biorn ordered his followers to slay them. And he called on Death and the Devil to record his oath. His lovely wife, Verena, hurried forth from the astle and by her mere presence intervened to save the strangers' lives. But as she did so two half-visible creatures slipped past her into Sintram's room. The child woke screaming with fright.

Ever since, at Caristmas time. Sintram was obsessed by nightmare that Death and the Devil were haunting him. Verena had long since withdrawn a convent. Sinttam left to his brutal father's companionship, was as eree and undesciplined as a welf. as the years went on the boy grew to powerful young manhood. He was

tather's comrade on murderous raids and fornys and grew to be well-nigh as much divaded as was florn himself. And yearly at Christmas time, came

time day Sintram, at the head of his men-at-arms, beheld a party of grangers builting from a ship. He led his followers against them. But a solehi in shining mail at the head of the voyagers overcame him in single compact and would have shin him out for the pleas of a beautiful woman

The stranger knight was Folko of Montfaueon. The woman was the Lady Gabrielie, his wife. They accepted Sixtram's hamble invitation to become quests of Biorn's eastle Juring their sta; in Norway,

Almost at once, after their arrival at the castle, Sintram found himself and that the committee as hopelessly in lave with thatfielde. As he walked alone one night, striving to the crash back this love, he was accosted by a strange, awardish man, who rose from the rank grass in front of him and who introduced himself as "The tittle Mister." This dwarf becan to sing the praises of Gabrielle and to point out to Sintram various easy ways whereby the young man might slay Polko and make Cabrielle his wife.

Sintram, fearfully tempted, nevertheless resisted the Little Master's promytings, and at last fled from Blorn's castle to be away from the cause of his temptation. To a rocky abode in the mountains he fied. But the Little Master followed and renewed his praise of Gaorielle, telling of methods whereby her husband could be killed. Another guest also visited Sintram. only on any more a continued sometimes there in his solitude; a shadowy, ghostly creature - whether chort or human the youth couldn't decide.

Sintram had conquered. Word came, while he still abode in the mountains. that Biorn was dying. Sintram mounted his horse, and, followed by his dog. SEVENTY-NINE pair of shoes adone on his journey. At one side of him rode a cloaked figure on a white horse, and still he wasn't shown to the stout contours. set forth at nightfaalt for his father's castle. As he rode through a weird val-

The Valley of the Shadow.

A ray of moonlight showed Sintram who his companions were. The rider on the white horse was Death. The other was the Little Master-whom Sintram ustomer eyed them closely and from knew for the Devil. The Little Master again urged him to fly to Gabrielle. Death said nothing, but raised high an hour glass whose sands were all but narrow and pointed at the toes," gene, sintram, knowing he must choose between the "But, sir," said the assistant in a leade the Little Master, in God's boly name, be gone. gone, Sintram, knowing he must choose between them once and for all,

The Little Master, in baffled rage, fled from him forever. And Death's once these long, narrow pointed indenus (ace took on a glow of wondrous beauty and gentleness. And together ay be," said the stout man quiet. the two riders traveled through the dawn to Biorn's dying bed. For it was Liorn, not Sintram, whom Death had come to take from earth.

Hedgeville Editor

By ROBERT MINOR

By John L. Hobble.

Mrs. Marsh says that her husband isn't any worse than before they were married; she just understands him bet-

At first Mr. Derks showed the effects looking better.

When Willie Botts went fishing yesterday he stopped the cl-wouldn't come on so fast. Lawyer Rasp says that the average

bal contract isn't worth the man's verbal contract paper it is written on. When a man goes to the trouble to

think up a dozen excuses for staying out at night his wife should be kind enough to believe at least one of them. Rev. Frost says that too many people

they can.

Watered Stock.

MILKMAN in a country town not far from New York was brought before the local court to answer a charge of aduleration of milk,

"You are charged," said the judge, with the most serious offense-of sell-ing adulterated milk. Have you anyng to say in answer to the charge? dikman, "the night before it was rainng very hard, and the only cause I can give is the cow must have got wet rough."-Harper's Weekly.

What's on the Program in Washington Today

Meetings, evening: Masonic-Columbia Lodge, No. 3, and Lebanon, No. 7; Hiram Chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch. nights of Pythias-Syracusians Lodge, No. 10; Rathbone Temple, No. 3.

No. 10; Rathbone Temple, No. 5, Pythian Sisters Odd Fellows-Central Lodge, No. 1, Metropolis, No. 16, and Phoenix, No. Metropous, No. 16, and Phoenix, No. 28; Magenenu Encampment, No. 4; Miriam Lodge, No. 6, Rebekab. National Union-National Union Club, 511 Eleventh street northwest, Red Men-Seneca Tribe, No. 11, 316 Pennrribe, No. 14. Anacostia; Idaho Coun-cil, No. 1. degrees of Pocahontas, cil, No. 1, degre Northeast Temple.

Northeast Temple.
Excursien to Marshall Hall for the children of the Bruen Home, under the auspices of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.
Concert by the United States Soldiers'
Home Band, bandstand, 4-5:20 p. m.
Concert by the United States Engineer
Band, Garfield Park, 7:30 p. m.

Amusements.

"The Barrier." oli's-"An Enemy to the King," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Gayety-"The Queen of Paris," 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Glen Echo-Amusements.

Chevy Chuse Lake—Concert by Marins Band, dancing, and other amusemins, Great Falls—Music and other amuseuna Park-Dancing and other amusements. Marshall Hall-Boats leave Seventh street wharf 10 a. m., 2.30 p. m., and

8:20 p. m.
River View Park-Boats leave Seventh street wharf to a. m. 2 and 7 p. m.
Colonial Beach-Steamer St. Johnst leaves Seventh street wharf every

except Monday at 2 a. m. Situr-